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SUBJ: FURTHER TURKISH FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF CEASE-FIRE

1. AVEROFF HAS JUST CALLED ME TO SAY THAT HE HAS BEEN JUST INFORMED BY CLERIDES SITUATION IN CYPRUS TAKEN GRAVE TURN FOR WORST. TURKS ARE CONTINUING TO LAND HEAVY ARMS AND REINFORCEMENTS. THEY ARE NOW ADVANCING EAST, SOUTH AND WEST FROM THE KYRENIA BRIDGEHEAD. BY TOMORROW MORNING THEY WILL BE UPP AGAINST CRACK GREEK TROOPS. TURKS ARE IN PROCESS OF OCCUPYING WIDE AREA OF PENTADAKTYLOS MOUNTAIN.

2. AVEROFF DESCRIBED THIS AS A "DISASTER" FROM MANY POINTS OF VIEW, INCLUDING IMPACT ON FRAGILE POSITION OF KARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT. IT IS NO LONGER OF QUESTION HE SAYS OF TURKS BUILDING UP BARGAINING POSITION BUT SOMETHING WORSE - GOG HAS EXERCISED GREAT RESTRAINT BUT POSITION OF GOVERNMENT VIS-A-VIS MILITARY QUITE DIFFICULT. THE LATTER SEES CEASE-FIRE AS TYING GREEK HANDS AND GIVING TURKISH MILITARY A FREE HAND. CLERIDES INFORMED AVEROFF IN VIEW OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION HE HAS JUST CALLED IN THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND REQUESTED THEIR DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT. AVEROFF CONCERNED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT SINCE HE DOES NOT TRUST SOVIETS WHO MAY OFFER OTHER SUPPORT AS WELL.

3. AVEROFF SAID TO DATE HE HAS BEEN A DOVE. HE IS NOW

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RAPIDLY BECOMING A HAWK. HE REQUESTS URGENT ACTION FROM

THE U.S. , INCLUDING SOONEST A PUBLIC CONDEMNATORY
STATEMENT BY SEC. KISSINGER.

4. I COUNSELLED RESTRAINT AGAIN AND SAID THE
MULTIPLICATION OF VIOLENCE WOULD NOT HELP. I SAID
I DID NOT SEE ANY OTHER FEASIBLE COURSE THAN
DISCUSSION AND NEGOTIATION. TASCA

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